VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Lebanon, Virginia

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bradley C. Lambert – Chairman

Donnie Rife – Public Member

Mary Quillen – Public Member

Rita Surratt – Public Member

APPEARANCES:

Rick Cooper—Director of the Division of Gas & Oil and Principal Executive to the Staff of the Board

Paul Kugelman, Jr.—Sr. Assistant Attorney General (via Teleconference)

Sarah Gilmer – Staff Member of the Division of Gas & Oil

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- 2 **Butch Lambert:** We'll begin our proceedings this morning, and I'll start off by asking if you
- 3 have communication devices, such as cell phones, to please put those on vibrate or put them on
- 4 mute. If you have to take a call, please do so outside so that we can hear these proceedings being
- 5 recorded. I'd like to begin this morning by asking the Board members to please introduce
- 6 themselves and I'll begin with Ms. Surratt.
- 7 **Rita Surratt**: I'm Rita Surratt, Public Member; from Dickenson County.
- 8 **Butch Lambert:** And I'm Butch Lambert, with the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy.
- 9 **Donnie Rife**: Donnie Rife; Public Member of Dickenson County.
- 10 Mary Quillen: Mary Quillen, Public Member.
- 11 **Butch Lambert:** On the phone, we have our Senior Assistant to the Attorney General from
- 12 Richmond, Paul Kugelman. Paul, would you introduce yourself, please?
- 13 <u>Paul Kugelman, Jr.:</u> Yes, I'm Paul Kugelman with the Virginia Attorney General's Office.
- 14 **Butch Lambert:** Thank you.
- 15 <u>Item Number 1</u>
- 16 **Butch Lambert:** We'll begin this morning by opening up these proceedings to public comment
- and I have on the sign-up sheet, Amy Childress. Would you please come forward for public
- 18 comment? Okay, we'll continue on.
- 19 <u>Item Number 2</u>
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** The next item on the agenda is the Board will hear from First Bank and Trust,
- 21 the escrow agent for the Gas and Oil Board, and we'll hear the Quarterly and Year-end Report.
- 22 **Butch Lambert:** Good morning.
- 23 **Jody Maney:** Good morning. This is for the Fourth Quarter 2017. So, this is our year-to-date
- 24 information for 2017. Starting on Page 3, this is our Fourth Quarter Summary. It had a beginning
- balance as of October 2017, \$11,495.124.55; deposits coming in for the quarter is \$144,119.65;
- interest earned, \$10,063.07; fees coming out of \$2,803.54; total disbursements for the quarter,
- \$816,344.69; giving us an ending balance for 12/31/17 of \$10,830,159.05. If you'll look on the
- year-to-date column, this is for 2017. Total disbursements for 2017 was \$8,252,786.75. That's a
- 29 total of 4,490 checks for 2017.
- 30 **Butch Lambert:** Did your hand get tired?

- 1 <u>Jody Maney:</u> Yes [laughs] And based on my calculations, we've paid out, roughly, 1,600
- 2 different people in 2017.
- 3 **Donnie Rife:** That's a big difference from a view years ago, isn't it?
- 4 **Jody Maney:** Yes. Big difference.
- 5 Rick Cooper: Mr. Chairman, I would point out that is the most disbursed out in one year and
- 6 most likely will be the most ever disbursed out.
- 7 **Jody Maney:** And that does include the Yellow Poplar accounts, in 2017. The next several pages
- 8 are the outstanding checks. These are checks that have been issued that have not been cashed yet.
- 9 **Donnie Rife:** People are just not cashing them?
- 10 **Jody Maney:** Not cashing them.
- Donnie Rife: I can't imagine somebody sending me a check and me not cashing it.
- 12 **Butch Lambert:** So, am I reading that correct, \$131,000? Just over \$131,000 still outstanding?
- 13 **Jody Maney:** Yes, still outstanding. And, those were issued through the end of the year.
- Donnie Rife: These are people that signed the W-9's?
- 15 **Jody Maney:** Signed the W-9's.
- Donnie Rife: Confirmation on residency and they're just not cashing their check.
- 17 **Jody Maney:** Yes, they're just not cashing their checks. So, the total is on Page 49, \$131,000
- outstanding. Page 50 lists the checks that will be escheated in 2018 and 2019. We escheated
- 19 checks for 2017 in October, so those have already been sent to the state. This is a breakdown of
- what will be escheated in 2018 and what will be escheated in 2019.
- 21 **Butch Lambert:** And I'll ask again, I know we continue to do this, but, it's looks like that
- 22 there's only a couple of people that has these outstanding checks. Have we've tried one more
- 23 time?
- 24 **Rick Cooper:** Yes, so what we do every year and we've done it a couple times. Of course, we
- 25 update out website and then we send out a letter to these people trying to let them know, and we
- 26 get zero response, but we do continue to do that and will continue to send out the letters, trying
- 27 to get these people to respond. For whatever reason, they just don't want to cash the checks, so I
- don't really have an explanation for that. They just don't cash the checks.
- 29 **Donnie Rife:** Do they have any type of conflict with the amount of money they're getting or
- some reason they think if the cash the check, they're buckling under?

- 1 Rick Cooper: That's part of it. You know, sometimes it's small amounts, sometimes it's large
- 2 amounts, but I don't have a good answer for that, but we continue to try to get a hold of these
- 3 people to encourage them to cash the checks. We do continue to do that, and we update our
- 4 website on that also. We communicate with Ms. Maney quite often before she does this to make
- 5 sure we send out the letter. I think we've been a little bit successful, but not real well. They just
- 6 don't respond.
- 7 **Donnie Rife:** You all have done a great job, though, believe me.
- 8 **Jody Maney:** We've tried to get the people their money.
- 9 **Donnie Rife:** Yeah, we've seen banks that didn't do a great job.
- 10 **Butch Lambert:** There's a couple, and I don't want to keep, you know, belaboring this point
- about a couple of these folks, but ACIN, LLC, the major land holding company is, is there
- something we're not getting?
- 13 **Rick Cooper:** We will contact Steve Smith there, and see if he can't, that's our best contact,
- 14 Steve is the Chief Engineer, and see if he can't get the land department or someone to
- acknowledge that. We will do that.
- 16 **Butch Lambert:** Okay, thank you.
- 17 **Jody Maney:** The next several pages are the funded units, and this is only December's
- information. This lists each account, their beginning balance, the deposits coming in for the
- month, the interest earned for the month, the fees coming out, any distributions, and the ending
- balance for each account. The total is on Page 65. Several pages are the people that have not
- 21 turned in their W-9's, and most of these consist of EnerVest people. I have been working closely
- 22 with EnerVest to try to clear these up as much as possible. We did have several that we cleared
- up in 2017, but you can see there are still several on here.
- 24 Mary Quillen: Yeah, there are. That's a lot. Almost 500.
- **Donnie Rife:** Do we have, like a confirmation on residency and everything? They just haven't
- 26 filled out a W-9?
- Jody Maney: They have not filled out a W-9. There's \$45,968 sitting in that account. Just
- waiting on a W-9 for people to fill out and send in to the gas companies.
- 29 **Rick Cooper:** So, just to let the Board know, Jody and I have talked about this. There's some
- duplications on that. Some people may have four or five checks. I think about 474 accounts, but
- 31 there's only 203 separate people.

- 1 Mary Quillen: Oh, that's...yeah, I noticed that that there are some, well, here's one that's got
- one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen,
- 3 sixteen, seventeen. One person has seventeen checks here.
- 4 **Rick Cooper:** Is that the Wilson?
- 5 **Jody Maney:** Then on Page 73, this gives our annual distributions since First Bank and Trust
- 6 became escrow agent in 2010, all the way through the total of 2017, give you the royalty and
- 7 working income, the distributions going out, and a graph showing each year. You can see in
- 8 2017, 594,000 came in and over 8 million went out. Page 74 is just a snapshot of the investment
- 9 of the funds. Right now, all of your money is invested in the money market account. You have
- over \$10 million in the money market account. The interest rates have gone up. They are over
- 11 1% on the money market account right now. So, you don't have any in Cedars and nothing in
- 12 CD's, at this point.
- 13 Mary Quillen: That balance is about what we had been keeping in the fluid account for
- distribution, isn't it? The \$10,830?
- Jody Maney: That's what we have had in the money market account, probably the last six
- months. I don't think we've had any Cedars or CD's for the last six months. I think June is when
- they all redeemed. So, at that point, everything went into the money market account.
- 18 **Donnie Rife:** At one percent?
- 19 **Jody Maney:** 1.35 was the last that I had.
- 20 **Donnie Rife:** That's awesome for \$10 million, isn't it?
- 21 **Jody Maney:** Yes.
- 22 **Butch Lambert:** At the rate we're disbursing, do we even feel comfortable with \$10 million in
- the money market?
- **Donnie Rife:** Well, it's secure. You know? It's a no-risk.
- 25 Mary Quillen: Yeah, I think so. That's why I was addressing that. I do, I think we would be
- 26 comfortable keeping that in.
- 27 **Butch Lambert:** Okay.
- 28 Mary Quillen: I mean, personally, but I'm a very conservative person and I tend to make sure
- that there's a balance.
- 30 **Donnie Rife:** If it was our money, I would prefer to invest a little bit, but since it's not our
- 31 money, I think the best thing for us to do is keep it.

- **Jody Maney:** Leave it in the money market account?
- **Donnie Rife:** Yeah.
- **Mary Quillen:** I think so.
- **Butch Lambert:** Just wanted to throw that out to the Board. Thank you.
- Jody Maney: The next page is the rate comparison. So, this gives you the Cedars Rates, if
- 6 you're interested, Treasury Rates, and then the Brokerage CD Rates.
- **Butch Lambert:** Some good rates if we wanted to do that.
- 8 Mary Quillen: Treasury Rates and I'm not a Treasury Rate, a fan.
- **Butch Lambert:** Well, if we could, at the rate we're disbursing, if a lot of it was tied up in other
- funds, then it would be an issue for us, so I think leaving it where.
- 11 Mary Quillen: Yeah, even though those are attractive rates.
- **Butch Lambert:** Okay.
- Mary Quillen: I mean, I do feel like that we need to be prepared to take care other peoples
- money when we get all the paperwork that we can disburse it without.
- **Jody Maney:** Any other questions?
- **Butch Lambert:** No, ma'am. Thank you.
- **Jody Maney:** Thank you.
- **Mary Quillen:** Great. Thank you. Great job. Great job.
- **Butch Lambert:** Paul, can you hear okay?
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** I can hear fine.
- **Butch Lambert:** Let us know if at any time you're having trouble hearing.
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** [Indiscernible 13:43] Go ahead.
- **Butch Lambert:** Excuse me, Paul?
- 24 Paul Kugelman, Jr.: Nothing. I'm good. I can hear you all good.
- **Butch Lambert:** Okay. Thanks, Paul. Mr. Pennington, is that you that just walked in?
- **Mr. Pennington:** Yes.

- 1 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> We went beyond, already, the public comments period, but if the other parties
- 2 that's on the petition don't mind to allow Mr. Pennington to come on up during Public Comment
- 3 period, we'll hear you at this time.
- 4 **Mr. Pennington:** I'll just forgo that.
- 5 **Butch Lambert:** Okay, alright.

6 Item Number 3

- 7 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from Nytis Exploration Company, LLC. The applicant requests the
- 8 Virginia Gas & Oil Board to enter an order of transferring the right to operate all units listed in
- 9 the application that were established by the Board Order from Cabot Oil & Gas to Nytis
- Expiration. This is Docket Number VGOB-18-0220-4165. All parties wishing to testify, please
- 11 come forward.
- 12 George Mason: My name is George Mason, Attorney, George Mason Law Firm, PSC, located
- in Lexington, KY, but licensed to practice law here in Virginia and other states. And with me, as
- our witness, is Jacqueline Richardson, Nytis Exploration Company, LLC.
- 15 **Sarah Gilmer:** Ms. Richardson, do you swear and affirm that your testimony is the truth, the
- whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
- 17 **Jacqueline Richardson:** I do.
- 18 **Butch Lambert:** Thank you. You may proceed, Mr. Mason.
- 19 **George Mason:** Thank you. Okay, please state your full name.
- 20 **Jacqueline Richardson:** Jacqueline Richardson.
- 21 **George Mason:** And where do you work?
- **Jacqueline Richardson:** I work for Nytis Exploration Company.
- 23 **George Mason:** And what's your position at that company?
- 24 <u>Jacqueline Richardson:</u> I'm the Senior Land Analyst. I'm also a Paralegal.
- 25 **George Mason:** And you participated in preparation of this application, is that correct?
- 26 **Jacqueline Richardson:** Yes, I did.
- 27 **George Mason:** And can you tell the Board who drilled the original wells, for which this
- 28 changed of operatorship petition has been filed?

- **Jacqueline Richardson:** All of the wells were originally drilled by Cabot Oil & Gas
- 2 Corporation.
- **George Mason:** Does Nidus have a bond on file with the department?
- **Jacqueline Richardson:** Yes, we do. \$75,000.
- **George Mason:** And, is it authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth?
- **Jacqueline Richardson:** Yes, we are.
- 7 George Mason: Okay, that's all I have Mr. Chairman. Subject to questions from the Board
- 8 Members.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board?
- 10 Mary Quillen: My computer has gone down. I can't pull up this...
- **Butch Lambert:** Did you have any questions, or could you even, was you able to review it?
- 12 Mary Quillen: I did, but I need to look at it. I'm sorry.
- **Butch Lambert:** Okay.
- **Sarah Gilmer:** I have paper copies if you would like to look at those.
- **Rick Cooper:** Just hold on right on please. We got it.
- 16 [Pause]
- 17 Mary Quillen: Okay, I don't have any questions, I guess.
- **Butch Lambert:** Anything further, Mr. Mason?
- **George Mason:** No, sir.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do we have a motion?
- **Donnie Rife:** Motion made for approval, Mr. Chair.
- **Rita Surratt:** Second.
- Butch Lambert: I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All
- in favor, signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [No response]

- 1 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Thank you, Mr. Mason, that one is approved.
- 2 **Donnie Rife:** I hate you guys had to come all the way down here just for that. [laughs]

3 <u>Item Number 4</u>

- 4 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for repooling under Oakwood
- 5 Coalbed Methane Gas Field Unit 1. Docket Number VGOB-07-0417-1915-05. All parties
- 6 wishing to testify, please come forward.
- 7 **Donnie Rife:** I was told no matter how late I get here, you always come in behind me.
- 8 Anita Duty: That's probably right. Bad reputation I have.
- 9 Mark Swartz: She makes a grand entrance, so he never upstages you. [laughs]
- 10 **Sarah Gilmer:** Ms. Duty, do you swear that your testimony is the truth, the whole truth, and
- 11 nothing but the truth?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 13 Mark Swartz: In answer to your inquiry, Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 14 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 15 Mark Swartz: Thank you. Anita, we are starting with a repooling, correct?
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 17 **Mark Swartz:** Item 4 on the Docket today?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: And the reasons that we're re-pooling, actually I think there are three reasons, if
- 20 I'm not mistaken?
- 21 **Anita Duty:** There is.
- 22 **Mark Swartz:** And what are they?
- 23 Anita Duty: We are going to add a well and we are identifying all the owners within the Estate
- on Tract 2A, or 2B. And, we have some small acreage changes.
- 25 Mark Swartz: And if we look at, probably be good to look at, we'll come back to the
- 26 foundation issues, but let's take a quick look at the plat here. This is an Oakwood Unit, correct?
- 27 Anita Duty: It is.

- 1 Mark Swartz: And it must be on a boundary because it's 89.45 acres?
- 2 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 3 Mark Swartz: Okay. And, is most of this unit leased?
- 4 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 5 Mark Swartz: What piece of this unit, that's depicted on the plat, is not leased?
- 6 Anita Duty: Tract 2B.
- 7 Mark Swartz: Okay, so that little tiny triangle?
- 8 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 9 Mark Swartz: To the right of the drilling window at the boundary of the unit?
- 10 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 11 Mark Swartz: Okay, and was there an heirship in that tract?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** There is.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Okay, and one of the reason we're here today is we have done more due
- diligence and have really made some progress on that heirship and we want to re-pool the folks
- in that heirship?
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 17 Mark Swartz: Okay. And, at the end of the day, the only people that would have an opportunity
- to participate at this juncture, in both wells, would be the people in 2B?
- 19 Anita Duty: Correct.
- 20 Mark Swartz: But the percentages for all three tracts; tract 1, 2A, and 2B, have slightly
- 21 changed?
- 22 **Anita Duty:** They have.
- 23 Mark Swartz: Okay, and the acreage has slightly changed?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: So as a result of that, in addition to identifying people and re-pooling them in
- 2 2B, there's another reason to give, if we had these people in 1 and 2, an opportunity to
- 3 participate, but since they're all leased, we don't have to worry about that?
- 4 **Anita Duty:** That's right.
- Mark Swartz: Okay, but the people in 2B would have an opportunity to participate in both
- 6 wells?
- 7 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 8 Mark Swartz: Okay, and have you filed a revised tract identification to go with the revised
- 9 map?
- 10 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 11 Mark Swartz: Okay. With that in mind then, let's go back and deal with some foundation
- issues. First of all, who do you work for.
- 13 Anita Duty: CNX Land Resources.
- 14 Mark Swartz: Okay, and what do you do for them?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** Pooling Supervisor.
- 16 Mark Swartz: Okay, and did you either prepare yourself or supervise the preparation of this
- 17 application?
- 18 Anita Duty: I did.
- 19 Mark Swartz: Okay. And you signed it?
- 20 Anita Duty: I did.
- 21 Mark Swartz: And, you have one well already drilled within this unit?
- 22 **Anita Duty:** There's actually two.
- 23 Mark Swartz: There's actually two?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 25 Mark Swartz: So, we've gotten a permit and we have a second well, and are the locations of
- those two wells depicted on the plat?
- 27 **Anita Duty:** Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: One's in the drilling window and one is to the North of the drilling window?
- 2 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 3 Mark Swartz: Okay. And, have you provided us with cost estimates for those two wells?
- 4 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 5 Mark Swartz: And what are your estimates?
- 6 **Anita Duty:** For Well FF-41, it is \$246,895.48, and for FF-41A, estimated cost of \$405,293.00.
- 7 Mark Swartz: Who's the applicant here?
- 8 Anita Duty: CNX Gas Company.
- 9 Mark Swartz: And on the re-pooling, is CNX Gas Company requesting that it continue to act as
- 10 operator?
- 11 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 12 Mark Swartz: Okay. And, does CNX Gas Company have a bond on file?
- 13 Anita Duty: It does.
- 14 Mark Swartz: Has it registered with the DMME and the DGO?
- 15 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 16 Mark Swartz: Is it a Virginia Limited Liability company authorized to do business in the
- 17 Commonwealth?
- 18 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: And what terms are you proposing that the Board offer to people who might be
- deemed to have been leased at the end of the day here?
- 21 Anita Duty: A \$5.00 per acre, per year, with a 1/8 royalty.
- 22 Mark Swartz: And what did you do to inform people that we would be having a hearing today?
- 23 Anita Duty: We published the notice and the location map in the Virginia Mountaineer on
- January 18th, 2018, and mailed by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested on January 18th.
- 25 Mark Swartz: So, you published and mailed, and you filed that information with the Board?

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: Do you want to add any respondents to the list that you have in your application
- and notice in Exhibit B?
- 4 **Anita Duty:** No.
- 5 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> Do you want to dismiss anybody?
- 6 Anita Duty: No.
- 7 Mark Swartz: Have you provided the Board with a revised Exhibit E?
- 8 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 9 Mark Swartz: And there's still some escrow requirements here, correct?
- 10 **Anita Duty:** There is, until we get all of the documentation from the heirs.
- 11 Mark Swartz: Okay. And the unleased acreage that you are seeking to pool is in B3? I'm sorry,
- is it B3?
- 13 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 14 Mark Swartz: What amount of acreage?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** 0.0136.
- 16 Mark Swartz: And as a percentage of the unit, what's the percentage?
- 17 **Anita Duty:** 0.0152%
- 18 Mark Swartz: And the Exhibit E, that's the acreage and the percent's that are in escrow.
- 19 Correct?
- 20 **Anita Duty:** I believe so.
- 21 Mark Swartz: Let me go through and make sure. There's the Exhibit E, actually no.
- 22 **Anita Duty:** It's a little bit smaller.
- 23 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> Okay. What are the acres in escrow?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** 0.0452.
- 25 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> And a percentage?

- 1 **Anita Duty:** 0.0505%.
- 2 Mark Swartz: And have you also provided the Board with a revised Exhibit EE, which has a
- 3 going forward payment schedule?
- 4 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 5 Mark Swartz: And is it your opinion that adding a second frack well to this unit is a reasonable
- 6 way to continue to develop the coalbed methane in the unit?
- 7 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 8 Mark Swartz: And is it your opinion that if you combine this re-pooling order, if it is granted,
- 9 with the leases that you obtained for the bulk of the unit, the correlative rights of all of the
- owners of the coalbed methane would be protected?
- 11 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 12 Mark Swartz: That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- 13 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] A couple question, did you
- testify that both those wells have been drilled?
- 15 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 16 **Butch Lambert:** Okay. And I know you're going to think I'm really, really picky on this one,
- but your total estimated cost for both those wells, don't add up to your, what you have estimated
- for each column. You missed it by 0.48 cents.
- Anita Duty: Oh, that's right. It's different from ours, yeah, \$652,188.48. Sorry.
- 20 **Donnie Rife:** It's good you got that cleared up.
- 21 **Butch Lambert:** Any other questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further Mr.
- 22 Swartz?
- 23 Mark Swartz: No.
- 24 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 25 **Donnie Rife:** Motion made for approval, Mr. Chair.
- 26 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a second?
- 27 Mary Quillen: Second.

- Butch Lambert: I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All
- 2 in favor, signify by saying yes.
- 3 **Board:** Yes.
- 4 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [No response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That is approved.

5 Item Number 5

- 6 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for pooling under Oakwood
- 7 Coalbed Methane Gas Field Unit 1. Docket Number VGOB 18-0220-4157. All parties wishing
- 8 to testify, please come forward.
- 9 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 10 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 11 Mark Swartz: Thank you. Anita, would you state your name for us again, please?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** Anita Duty.
- 13 Mark Swartz: I'd like to incorporate her testimony, with regard to her employment, standard
- lease terms, the basic information with regard to the applicant?
- 15 **Butch Lambert:** Accepted.
- 16 Mark Swartz: Thank you. This is a petition for pooling. Correct?
- 17 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 18 Mark Swartz: It pertains to what unit?
- 19 **Anita Duty:** B-28
- 20 Mark Swartz: And that unit is what field?
- 21 **Anita Duty:** The Oakwood 1 field.
- 22 Mark Swartz: And what did you do to notify people that might be interested that we were
- 23 going to have a hearing today?
- 24 Anita Duty: Mailed by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested on January 16, 2018, and
- published in the Virginia Mountaineer, the notice and location map, on January 18th.
- 26 Mark Swartz: And have you filed your certificates, with regard to mailing with regard to
- publication, with the DGO?
- 28 **Anita Duty:** We have.

- 1 Mark Swartz: With regard to the outstanding interest that you're seeking to pool here, what is
- 2 that percentage?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** 6.5%.
- 4 Mark Swartz: And you have leased what percentage of the unit?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** 93.5%.
- 6 Mark Swartz: How many wells are involved here?
- 7 Anita Duty: Two.
- 8 Mark Swartz: And have you provided cost estimates for both of them?
- 9 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 10 Mark Swartz: And what are those estimates?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** For B-28, it \$427,630.00; B-28A, \$425,630.00
- 12 Mark Swartz: And have these wells been drilled as yet?
- 13 **Anita Duty:** No.
- 14 Mark Swartz: In fact, neither one of them have a permit?
- 15 Anita Duty: Correct.
- Mark Swartz: Do you want to add anybody to the list of people that you listed as respondents
- in the notice, the application, and B3?
- 18 Anita Duty: No.
- 19 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> Do you want to dismiss anyone?
- 20 **Anita Duty:** No.
- 21 Mark Swartz: Look at the plat. 80-acre unit, correct?
- 22 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 23 Mark Swartz: And, we've already said it's in the Oakwood field?
- 24 **Anita Duty:** Yes.

- 1 Mark Swartz: And in this instance, both of the proposed wells are within the drilling unit?
- 2 **Anita Duty:** They are.
- 3 Mark Swartz: With regard to escrow, you've provided, I believe...we're escrowing the
- 4 heirship tract, correct?
- 5 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 6 Mark Swartz: Which is the Compton heirs issue?
- 7 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 8 Mark Swartz: At the end of the B3 exhibit, which is the estate we are seeking to pool, there is a
- 9 statement, with regard to the acres and the percent to be escrowed?
- 10 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 11 Mark Swartz: What is the acreage in that estate?
- 12 **Anita Duty:** 6.5 acres.
- 13 Mark Swartz: And the percent of the unit is what?
- 14 **Anita Duty:** 8.125%
- 15 Mark Swartz: And other than estate and that acreage, there's no other escrow requirement?
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Correct.
- 17 Mark Swartz: Have you provided the Board with an Exhibit EE for the going forward
- payments?
- 19 **Anita Duty:** I don't think there is one.
- 20 Mark Swartz: Back to the plat here. With regard to drilling of two wells in this 80-acre unit, is
- 21 it your opinion that is a reasonable, or will be a reasonable way to develop the Coalbed Methane
- 22 resource?
- 23 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 24 Mark Swartz: Is it your further opinion that if the Board were to pool this unit and pool the
- 25 folks identified in Exhibit B3 and the estate identified in Exhibit B3, and you combine that
- 26 pooling order with your lease agreements, that the correlative rights of everyone interested in the
- 27 Coalbed Methane in this unit would be protected?

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- 3 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Swartz?
- 4 Mark Swartz: No.
- 5 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 6 **Donnie Rife:** Motion made for approval, Mr. Chair.
- 7 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a second?
- 8 Mary Quillen: Second.
- 9 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All
- in favor, signify by saying yes.
- 11 **Board:** Yes.
- 12 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [No response] Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That one is approved.
- 13 Mark Swartz: Thank you.
- 14 Item Number 6
- 15 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of
- escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to a portion of
- 17 Tract 4, as depicted upon the annexed Exhibit A-1; and (2) authorization to begin paying
- 18 royalties directly to the parties listed in the petition. This is Docket Number VGOB 12-0417-
- 19 3047-03. All parties wishing to testify, please come forward.
- 20 Mark Swartz: Mark Swartz and Anita Duty.
- 21 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Swartz.
- 22 <u>Mark Swartz:</u> Anita, this is a pretty simple application, correct?
- 23 Anita Duty: It is.
- 24 Mark Swartz: We found two people?
- 25 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 26 Mark Swartz: And, we would like to pay them out of escrow?

- 1 Anita Duty: Yes.
- 2 Mark Swartz: And this pertains to drilling Unit A32?
- 3 **Anita Duty:** It is.
- 4 Mark Swartz: Did you give those folks that you were going to have a hearing today?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** We did.
- 6 Mark Swartz: And, have you provided at Table 1, how your proposing that the escrow agent
- 7 pay them?
- 8 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 9 Mark Swartz: And the escrow agent should be directed to pay Cynthia Rhodes and Verna
- Napier. And you've provided addresses?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 12 Mark Swartz: And how should the escrow agent be ordered to calculate the payment amount
- and make the payment?
- 14 **Anita Duty:** Based on the percent of the escrowed funds, which would be 2.6709% for the
- 15 balance.
- 16 Mark Swartz: So, the escrow agent should use that percentage, multiply it times the balance on
- hand, when the check amount is calculated, and that will generate the number?
- 18 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 19 Mark Swartz: And going forward, we're asking for the ability to pay these folks directly, once
- the amount accumulates to the threshold?
- 21 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 22 Mark Swartz: And have you provided revised Exhibit E, taking the amount, obviously?
- 23 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- Mark Swartz: And, I think this one does have a revised EE. Yes, it does. And then, did you do
- 25 a reconciliation?
- 26 **Anita Duty:** We did.
- 27 Mark Swartz: So, we have an Exhibit J?

- 1 Anita Duty: We do.
- 2 Mark Swartz: And when you went and looked for a deposit corresponding to all of the checks
- 3 that the operator cut over the years, were you able to find a corresponding deposit in all
- 4 instances?
- 5 **Anita Duty:** We were.
- 6 Mark Swartz: And then you did a calculation or an estimate at the end to compare your
- 7 calculated balance to the bank balance. Right?
- 8 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 9 Mark Swartz: And the bank balance, I think you're working off of is the November 2017
- 10 balance?
- 11 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 12 Mark Swartz: And when you made your comparison to the bank balance, it looks like they
- were in agreement.
- 14 **Anita Duty:** They were.
- 15 Mark Swartz: There was a total of \$5.80, at least at that point in the bank?
- 16 **Anita Duty:** Yes.
- 17 Mark Swartz: That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- 18 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Do I have a motion?
- 19 **Rick Cooper:** Mr. Chairman?
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** Mr. Cooper.
- 21 **Rick Cooper:** I just need to point out here that Verna Napier, her notice is in transit. So, we
- haven't confirmed that notice yet, but just to let you know, we just paid her out on the
- 23 disbursement a week or so ago. But this particular notice here, we have no confirmation that she
- 24 had received it, as we speak today.
- 25 **Donnie Rife:** But she has received and cashed checks in the past?
- 26 **Rick Cooper:** Right, and CNX has re-noticed them, but we had a holiday period and so, it may
- come forward, but as we speak today, she is not noticed on this.
- 28 **Butch Lambert:** For the record, on this petition?

- 1 **Rick Cooper:** That's correct.
- 2 Mark Swartz: But, we do have her W-9.
- 3 **Rick Cooper:** We have her W-9 and she was paid out last week or so, on a previous
- 4 disbursement.
- 5 **Butch Lambert:** Okay. So, we have the W-9, I think we have been considering that as noticed,
- 6 that she has her W-9. We have verification of that?
- 7 **Rick Cooper:** Yes.
- 8 **Butch Lambert:** Okay.
- 9 Anita Duty: And, it's the same address as used in the previous disbursement.
- 10 **Butch Lambert:** Okay. Any other questions? [No response] So, I have a motion, do I have a
- second? I have a second. All in favor, signify by saying yes.
- 12 **Board:** Yes.
- 13 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no?
- 14 **Butch Lambert:** Thank you, Mr. Swartz. That one is approved.
- 15 **Mark Swartz:** Thank you.
- 16 Item Number 7
- 17 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for pooling of unit VCI-538684.
- Docket Number VGOB 18-0220-4158. All parties wishing to testify, please come forward.
- 19 **Tim Scott:** Morning.
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** Good morning. Good timing, Mr. Scott.
- 21 **Tim Scott:** There's always a crisis. Mr. Chairman, for these hearings this morning, there was an
- 22 issue that was raised about making the connection between the party respondent that we've listed
- 23 and notified.
- 24 **Butch Lambert:** Yes, sir.
- 25 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, between that and the litigation that has now been resolved, and so, what I've
- done as an exhibit to Mr. Anderson's testimony, is a sworn affidavit stating the litigation and
- 27 I've attached several plats and exhibits to that affidavit, so that you all can tell from the affidavit

- and the exhibits, that this is, in fact, the tract in which Mr. Lamey is the trustee, pursuant to the
- 2 court order. Okay?
- 3 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Did you also, can you supply us with the court order?
- **Tim Scott:** It's here. We have that as well. Yes sir.
- **Butch Lambert:** Okay, thank you.
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** Hey Butch?
- **Butch Lambert:** Yes sir?
- 8 Paul Kugelman, Jr.: Are you passing out the affidavit that basically connects the dots here?
- **Tim Scott:** Yes sir.
- **Butch Lambert:** Just getting it, Paul.
- 11 Paul Kugelman, Jr.: Okay. Tell him to email me the pdf copy and the copy that I got wasn't
- signed.
- **Tim Scott:** It is now.
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** It is now?
- 15 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Yes sir.
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** Okay. That's what I wanted to make sure of. Thank you.
- **Butch Lambert:** Yes sir, Paul. I have it and it is signed.
- **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** I appreciate it. Thank you.
- **Tim Scott:** I had to grab Mr. Anderson to be able to get that done.
- **Butch Lambert:** And Paul, we'll get these exhibits up to you, as well.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> I sent those, as well.
- **Butch Lambert:** Oh, did you? Okay.
- 23 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Yes sir.
- **Butch Lambert:** Thank you.

- 1 Rick Cooper: I guess we need the one of whoever has the signed copy, we'll need that for our
- 2 records, whoever has the signed copy.
- 3 **Butch Lambert:** Are you talking about the affidavit?
- 4 **Rick Cooper:** Yes.
- 5 **Butch Lambert:** I have it here.
- 6 **Rick Cooper:** Okay. That's all we need. We're good.
- 7 **Tim Scott:** And what I would like, Mr. Chairman, is for each of these docket items that is
- 8 testimony this morning will be incorporated for each of those, into those seven.
- 9 **Butch Lambert:** If during the first one, if you'll reference that, we'll take that.
- 10 **Tim Scott:** We'll do it.
- 11 **Butch Lambert:** Sarah, would you start?
- 12 Sarah Gilmer: Mr. Janson, Mr. Anderson, do you swear and affirm that your testimonies are the
- truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
- 14 Aaron Anderson/Gus Janson: I do.
- 15 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 16 **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, please state your name, by whom you're
- 17 employed and your job description.
- **Aaron Anderson:** I'm Aaron Anderson. I work for EnerVest Operating, LLC, as Associate
- 19 Landman.
- 20 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you're familiar with this application?
- 21 **Aaron Anderson:** I am.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And as indicated earlier, we had an issue regarding, or a question regarding the
- propriety of listing Mr. Lamey as the trustee for Yellow Poplar Lumber Company, and so we've
- provided an affidavit and exhibits to that affidavit. You have reviewed that affidavit, is that
- 25 right?
- 26 Aaron Anderson: I did.
- 27 **Tim Scott:** And you've signed it?

- 1 **Aaron Anderson:** I have.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And contained in the affidavit, we list both cases, the federal case and the bankruptcy
- 3 case. Is that right?
- 4 **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And then, in addition to that, we've also included a plat showing the original 3,877.5
- 6 acre tract, which was described as Tract 11 in Deed Book 30, Page 226. Is that correct?
- 7 **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 8 **Tim Scott:** And so, the Board should have that. In addition, we've attached a plat that shows the
- 9 units, which are affected by these pooling's, and you've outlined those. Is that correct, Mr.
- 10 Anderson?
- 11 **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That is correct.
- 12 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And what color did you use for those?
- 13 **Aaron Anderson:** Blue, I believe.
- 14 **Tim Scott:** Yes sir. So those should be outlined in blue. Mr. Chairman, you can see those. And
- then, the last exhibit to your affidavit would be the order appointing Mr. Lamey as trustee. Is that
- 16 correct?
- 17 **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 18 <u>Tim Scott:</u> So, it would then be proper for us to have notified and be consistent with the Courts
- order, Mr. Lamey as the party respondent to these applications. Is that correct?
- 20 **Aaron Anderson:** To the best of my knowledge, yes sir.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Do you all have any questions?
- 22 **Butch Lambert:** Questions? Mrs. Quillen? [No response] Okay.
- 23 **Tim Scott:** Thank you.
- 24 **Butch Lambert:** Wait just a minute. Paul, do you have any questions?
- 25 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** No sir, I do not.
- 26 **Butch Lambert:** Okay.
- 27 **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Anderson, this unit's in the Nora Coalbed Gas Field. Is that right?

- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And it contains 58.70 acres. Is that also correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, EnerVest does have part of this unit under a lease. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** We do.
- **Tim Scott:** Are there any parties' respondent that we're going to dismiss today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And how was notice of this hearing provided to the parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** By Certified Mail. Return Receipt Requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And have you provided proof of your mailing to the Board?
- 11 Aaron Anderson: Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Now, is EnerVest authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And is there is blanket bond on file?
- **Aaron Anderson:** There is.
- **Tim Scott:** If you're able to reach an agreement with the party respondent, what would be the
- terms that you would offer for a lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25.00 per acre for a five-year paid up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** Okay. Do you think that's a reasonable compensation for a lease in this area?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** Yes sir.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And what percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease presently?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 51.525%
- **Tim Scott:** Does that also include tracts in which EnerVest has a fee simple interest in the
- 24 minerals?

- 1 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas are you seeking to pool today?
- 3 **Aaron Anderson:** 48.475%
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And is there an escrow requirement for this unit?
- 5 **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** Are you also asking that EnerVest be named as the operator of this unit?
- 7 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 8 **Tim Scott:** And if the Board grants our application today, what would be the address used for
- 9 any correspondence regarding this order?
- 10 **Aaron Anderson:** It's EnerVest Operating, LLC. 408 W. Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210.
- 11 Attention, Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- 12 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Okay. Would that be the address for all correspondence regarding this unit?
- 13 **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 14 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- 15 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 16 <u>Tim Scott:</u> I've got Mr. Janson. Mr. Janson, would you please state your name, by whom you're
- 17 employed, and your job description?
- 18 **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC as the
- 19 Geology Advisor.
- 20 **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application?
- 21 **Gus Janson:** I am.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, I believe our application had an incorrect depth. Is that right?
- Gus Janson: Yes, on this application, the depth should be 1,962 feet, which will also correspond
- to the AFE that was provided.
- 25 **Tim Scott:** Very good, and what are the reserves for this unit?
- 26 **Gus Janson:** The reserves are 675 million cubic feet of gas.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, are you familiar with the well costs, as well?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** And, what's the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** Estimated dry hole cost is \$148,400.00
- 5 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And the completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$349,315.00.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, you actually participated in the preparation of the AFE. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** In your opinion, if the Board grants our application today, would it prevent waste,
- protect correlative rights, and promote conservation?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 14 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have on this one, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Donnie Rife:** Motion made for approval, Mr. Chair.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a second?
- 18 Mary Quillen: Second.
- **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 20 favor, signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [[No response] Thank you, Mr. Scott. That one is approved.
- 23 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 24 <u>Item Number 8</u>
- **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for pooling of unit VC-536324.
- Docket Number VGOB 18-0220-4159. All parties wishing to testify, please come forward.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, again, state your name, by whom you're
- 4 employed and your job description, please.
- 5 Aaron Anderson: Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as Associate
- 6 Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, Mr. Chairman, we'd ask that Mr. Anderson's testimony regarding who we
- 10 notified and the reason for notification to John Lamey as trustee, incorporate that testimony of
- our reference to this particular Docket Item Number.
- **Butch Lambert:** Accepted.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Anderson, is this unit located in the Nora Coalbed Gas Field?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And, how many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.7.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, we've got a substantial portion of this unit under lease. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Are we going to dismiss anybody today?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And how was the notice of this hearing provided?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, have you provided your proof of mailing to the Board?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, is EnerVest authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth?
- **Aaron Anderson:** We are.

- **Tim Scott:** And, is there a blanket bond on file?
- **Aaron Anderson:** There is.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And what lease terms would you offer to any party respondent, or to the party
- 4 respondent, if you could cut a deal with them?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That would \$25.00 per acre for a 5-year paid up lease with a 1/8 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** And do you think this is a reasonable compensation?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have in their lease presently?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 51.525.
- **Tim Scott:** And, this also, again, includes tracts that EnerVest is the fee simple owner, is that
- 11 right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas are you seeking to pool today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 48.475.
- **Tim Scott:** Do we have an escrow requirement for this one?
- **Aaron Anderson:** We do not.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you requesting the Board to pool the unleased parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 19 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And that EnerVest be named the operator?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And if the Board grants our order today, what would be the address used for any
- 22 party making elections under an order?
- 23 Aaron Anderson: That's EnerVest Operating, LLC. 408 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA
- 24 24210. Attention, Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, and this should be the address for all communication? Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.

- 1 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Janson, please state your name, by whom you're employed, and your
- 3 job description.
- 4 Gus Janson: My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC as the
- 5 Geology Advisor.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** And what's the total depth of the proposed well?
- **Gus Janson:** The proposed well depth is 2,083 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** And what are the estimated reserves?
- **Gus Janson:** Estimated reserves are 675 million cubic feet of gas.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you also familiar with the well cost of this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** And what's the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** Estimated dry hole cost is \$142,600.00.
- **Tim Scott:** And the estimated completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated completed well cost is \$348,250.00.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, you actually signed and helped prepared this AFE, is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** That is correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And in your opinion, if the Board grants our application today, would it prevent
- 21 waste, promote conservation, protect correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 25 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have for this one, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?

- **Donnie Rife:** Motion made for approval, Mr. Chair.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a second?
- 3 Mary Quillen: Second.
- **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 5 favor, signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no?
- **Butch Lambert:** Thank you, Mr. Scott, that's approved.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 10 <u>Item Number 9</u>
- 11 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for pooling of unit VC-530526.
- Docket Number VGOB 18-0220-4160. All parties wishing to testify, please come forward.
- **Tim Scott:** Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, again, your name, by whom you're
- 16 employed and your job description, please.
- **Aaron Anderson:** Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as Associate
- 18 Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Mr. Chairman, again, we would request that Mr. Anderson testimony regarding who
- we notified and the reason we notified John Lamey, trustee for Yellow Poplar Lumber Company,
- 23 his testimony with the prior hearing, incorporate it with this unit in this docket.
- **Butch Lambert:** Accepted.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Anderson, is this unit located in the Nora Coalbed Gas Field?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And how many acres does it contain?

- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.72.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, EnerVest has a significant portion of this unit under lease as well. Is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Are we going to dismiss anybody today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And how was noticed of this hearing provided to the parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- 7 Aaron Anderson: By Certified mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And we've provided proof of mailing to the Board, is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, is EnerVest authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth?
- 11 Aaron Anderson: Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And is there a bond on file with the department?
- **Aaron Anderson:** There is.
- **Tim Scott:** What would be the lease terms you would offer if you could reach an agreement with
- the parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That would be \$25.00 per acre for a five-year paid up lease, with a 1/8
- 17 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** And you consider that to be reasonable compensation for a lease in this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 20 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And what percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease presently?
- 21 Aaron Anderson: 99.44%.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, this included tracts that EnerVest has a fee simple interest in. Is that
- 23 right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate are you seeking to pool?

- **Aaron Anderson:** 0.56%.
- **Tim Scott:** Do we have a requirement for an escrow for this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you are requesting the Board to pool the parties listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And also, that EnerVest should be named the operator of this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And if the Board grants our application today, what would be the address used for
- 9 any elections made under an order entered by the Board?
- **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC. 408 W. Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210.
- 11 Attention, Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- **Tim Scott:** And should that be the address for all communication regarding this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Anderson. That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- Butch Lambert: Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you're employed, and
- 17 your job description, please.
- **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC as the
- 19 Geology Advisor.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, I am.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with the total depth of the proposed well?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes. The proposed well depth is 2,435 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** And what are the estimated reserves of this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves are 850 million cubic feet of gas.
- **Tim Scott:** You're also familiar with the well cost?

- 1 Gus Janson: Yes.
- 2 **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry hole cost?
- 3 **Gus Janson:** The estimated dry hole cost is \$145,200.00
- 4 **Tim Scott:** And the completed well cost?
- 5 **Gus Janson:** \$345,800.00.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** And you actually signed this AFE, is that right?
- 7 **Gus Janson:** That is correct.
- 8 **Tim Scott:** So, in the event that the Board grants our application today, would it be your opinion
- 9 that it would prevent waste, promote conservation, and protect correlative rights?
- 10 **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- 11 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- Butch Lambert: Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- 14 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Donnie Rife:** Motion for approval, Mr. Chair.
- 16 Mary Quillen: Second.
- 17 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 18 favor, signify by saying yes.
- 19 **Board:** Yes.
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [No response] Thank you, Mr. Scott, that one is approved.
- 21 **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to get some water, Mr. Chairman.
- 22 **Butch Lambert:** Yes sir.
- 23 <u>Item Number 10</u>
- **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for pooling of unit VCI-530527.
- 25 Docket Number VGOB 18-0220-4161. All parties wishing to testify, please come forward.
- 26 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.

- **<u>Butch Lambert:</u>** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, your name and by whom you're
- 3 employed.
- 4 Aaron Anderson: Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as Associate
- 5 Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, Mr. Chairman, again, we'd like to incorporate and reference Mr. Anderson's
- 9 testimony regarding who we notified, John Lamey as trustee, for Yellow Poplar Lumber
- 10 Company.
- **Butch Lambert:** Accepted.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Anderson, is this unit located in the Nora Coalbed Gas Field?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 14 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And how many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.72.
- **Tim Scott:** And, again, does EnerVest has a substantial portion of this unit under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** Are we going to dismiss the party respondent that we've listed today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And how was Mr. Lamey notified of this hearing?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** By Certified mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And we've provided proof of mailing to the Board?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 24 <u>Tim Scott:</u> EnerVest authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth, is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And there is a blanket bond on file?

- 1 Aaron Anderson: Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And, if you were able to reach an agreement with Mr. Lamey, what would be the
- 3 terms you would offer him for a least for his interest?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25.00 per acre for a five-year paid up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** And this is a fair compensation?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 7 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 94.37%.
- **Tim Scott:** And this does include tracts in which EnerVest has a fee simple interest in the
- minerals. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 12 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate are we seeking to pool today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 5.63%.
- **Tim Scott:** With regard to this unit, do we have an escrow requirement?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And you are requesting the Board to pool the unleased party listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And that EnerVest be named the operator?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And in the event the Board grants our application today, what would be the address
- 21 used for any parties making an election made under the approved order?
- **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC. 408 W. Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210.
- 23 Attention, Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- **Tim Scott:** And is this the address that should be used for all correspondence with regard to this
- 25 unit?
- 26 Aaron Anderson: Yes sir.

- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- 2 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you're employed, and
- 4 your job description, please.
- **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC as the
- 6 Geology Advisor.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- 9 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And are you familiar with the total depth of the proposed well?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes. The total depth of the proposed well is 2,430 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** And what are the estimated reserves for this well?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves are 850 million cubic feet of gas.
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> You're also familiar with the well cost for this proposed well?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, I am.
- 15 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What's the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated dry hole cost is \$158,100.00
- **Tim Scott:** And the estimated completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$361,100.00
- **Tim Scott:** And you helped prepare the AFE, that was submitted with our application. Is that
- 20 right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** So, you are knowledgeable about it's contents and the well cost. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** So, in your opinion, if the Board grants our application today, would it promote
- conservation, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.

- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have for this one, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Donnie Rife:** Motion made for approval, Mr. Chair.
- 6 Mary Quillen: Second.
- **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 8 favor, signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- **Butch Lambert:** Opposed, no? [No response] Thank you, Mr. Scott, that one is approved.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 12 <u>Item Number 11</u>
- **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for pooling of unit Haysi-119.
- Docket Number VGOB 18-0220-4162. All parties wishing to testify, please come forward.
- 15 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Butch Lambert:** You may begin, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you. Mr. Anderson, your name, by whom you're employed and your job
- description.
- **Aaron Anderson:** Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as Associate
- 20 Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** And, Mr. Chairman, at this time we would ask that Mr. Anderson's testimony
- regarding why we noticed Mr. Lamey as the trustee for Yellow Poplar Lumber Company into
- 25 this docket item, as well.
- **Butch Lambert:** Accepted.
- 27 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you. Mr. Anderson, is this unit located in the Nora Coalbed Gas Field?

- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And how many acres does it contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.72.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, we have a substantial portion of this unit under lease. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Are we going to dismiss Mr. Lamey from this application today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And how was he provided of notice of this hearing?
- **Aaron Anderson:** By Certified mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And we've provided proof of mailing to the Board?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** Is EnerVest authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And is there a blanket bond on file with the department?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, if you were able to reach an agreement with Mr. Lamey, what would be the
- 17 lease terms you would offer?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25.00 per acre for a five-year paid up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, do you consider this to be fair and reasonable compensation for a lease in
- 20 this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 94.37%.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, does this percentage include tracts in which EnerVest has a fee simple
- interest in the minerals?

- 1 Aaron Anderson: Yes.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate are you seeking to pool today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 5.63%.
- **<u>Tim Scott:</u>** And, is there an escrow requirement for this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- 6 Tim Scott: And you are you asking the Board to pool the unleased party listed on Exhibit B3
- 7 today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And that EnerVest also be named the operator for this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 11 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, if the Board grants our application today and elections are sent out, what would
- be the address used for making any elections under the order?
- **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC. 408 W. Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210.
- 14 Attention, Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- **Tim Scott:** And, would that be the address for all correspondence concerning the pooling order?
- **Aaron Anderson:** It would.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you're employed, and your job description, please.
- **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC as the
- 21 Geology Advisor.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you participated in the preparation of this application. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you familiar with the total depth of the proposed well?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes. The proposed depth of the well is 2,470 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** And what are the estimated reserves for this unit?

- 1 **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves are 850 million cubic feet of gas.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you just testified that you participated in this application, is that right?
- 3 **Gus Janson:** I did.
- 4 <u>Tim Scott:</u> So, you're familiar with the proposed well cost?
- 5 **Gus Janson:** I am.
- 6 **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry hole cost?
- 7 **Gus Janson:** The estimated dry hole cost is \$153,800.00
- 8 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And the estimated completed well cost?
- 9 **Gus Janson:** \$358,150.00.
- 10 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, in your opinion, if the Board grants our application today, would it promote
- conservation, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights?
- 12 **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- 14 **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 15 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for this one, Mr. Chairman.
- 16 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 17 **Donnie Rife:** Motion made for approval, Mr. Chair.
- 18 Mary Quillen: Second.
- 19 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 20 favor, signify by saying yes.
- 21 **Board:** Yes.
- 22 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Opposed, no? [No response] Thank you, Mr. Scott, that one is approved.
- 23 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 24 <u>Item Number 12</u>
- 25 **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC for pooling of unit Haysi-76. Docket
- Number VGOB 18-0220-4163. All parties wishing to testify, please come forward.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Again, Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, again, your name, by whom you're
- 4 employed and your job description, please.
- 5 Aaron Anderson: Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as Associate
- 6 Landman.
- **Tim Scott:** And you're familiar with this application. Is that correct?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 9 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you did participate in the preparation of the application?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And at this time, Mr. Chairman, we'd ask that Mr. Anderson's testimony regarding
- the reason for listing the party respondent, John Lamey, trustee for Yellow Poplar Lumber
- 13 Company, as a part of his testimony to this docket item.
- **Butch Lambert:** Accepted.
- **Tim Scott:** Mr. Anderson, is this unit located within the Nora Coalbed Gas Field?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** It is.
- **Tim Scott:** And how many acres does this unit contain?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.7.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, EnerVest does have a substantial portion of this unit under lease. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** We do.
- **Tim Scott:** Are we going to dismiss the party respondent listed on Exhibit B3 today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And how was he notified of this hearing?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** By Certified mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And we've provided proof of mailing to the Board?
- **Aaron Anderson:** We have.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And again, is EnerVest authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And is there a blanket bond on file with the department?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** Again, if you were able to reach an agreement with Mr. Lamey, what would be the
- 6 lease terms you would offer for a lease?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25.00 per acre for a five-year paid up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** And you consider this to be reasonable compensation for a lease in this area?
- **Aaron Anderson:** We do.
- 10 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease, presently?
- **11 Aaron Anderson:** 94.345%.
- 12 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And again, this does include fee simple interest EnerVest has in the minerals, is that
- right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 15 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate are you seeking to pool today?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** 5.655%.
- **Tim Scott:** And, do we have an escrow requirement for this unit?
- **18 Aaron Anderson:** No.
- **Tim Scott:** And are you requesting the Board to pool the unleased party listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** And that EnerVest be named the operator for this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And, if the Board grants our application today and elections are sent out with regard
- 24 to this order, what would be the address used in making any elections?

- 1 Aaron Anderson: EnerVest Operating, LLC. 408 W. Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210.
- 2 Attention, Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And, would that be the address for all communications regarding this order?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- 7 Tim Scott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you're employed, and
- 8 your job description, please.
- **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC as the
- 10 Geology Advisor.
- 11 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And you helped in the preparation of this application. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you familiar with the depth of the proposed well?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes. The proposed depth of the well is 1,900 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** And what are the estimated reserves for this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves are 850 million cubic feet of gas.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you also familiar with the well cost for this proposed well?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated dry hole cost is \$158,200.00
- 21 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And the completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$366,800.00.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, you did sign off on the AFE. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** So, in the event the Board grants our application today, is it your opinion that it
- 26 would it promote conservation, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights?

- 1 **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- 2 **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- 3 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- 4 **Tim Scott:** That's all, Mr. Chairman.
- 5 **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- 6 **Donnie Rife:** Motion made for approval, Mr. Chair.
- 7 Mary Quillen: Second.
- 8 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 9 favor, signify by saying yes.
- 10 **Board:** Yes.
- 11 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Opposed, no? [No response] Thank you, Mr. Scott, that one is approved.
- 12 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 13 <u>Item Number 13</u>
- **Butch Lambert:** A petition from EnerVest Operating, LLC, for pooling of unit VC-531475.
- Docket Number VGOB 18-0220-4164. All parties wishing to testify, please come forward.
- 16 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Tim Scott, Gus Janson, and Aaron Anderson for EnerVest Operating, LLC.
- 17 **Butch Lambert:** You may proceed, Mr. Scott.
- 18 **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Anderson, one more time, your name, by whom
- 19 you're employed and your job description.
- 20 Aaron Anderson: Aaron Anderson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC, as Associate
- 21 Landman.
- 22 **Tim Scott:** So, you have participated in the preparation of this application. Is that right?
- 23 **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 24 **Tim Scott:** And, Mr. Chairman, at this time, I'd ask that Mr. Anderson's testimony regarding
- 25 why we notified John Lamey as the trustee for Yellow Poplar Lumber Company, be incorporated
- by reference into this docket item.
- 27 **Butch Lambert:** Accepted.

- 1 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Thank you. Mr. Anderson, is this unit located in the Nora Coalbed Gas Field?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes.
- 3 <u>Tim Scott:</u> Mr. Anderson, how many acres does this unit contain, please?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 58.73.
- **Tim Scott:** EnerVest has substantial portion of this unit under lease. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** Are we going to dismiss Mr. Lamey today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- 9 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And how was notice of this hearing provided to him?
- **Aaron Anderson:** By Certified mail with Return Receipt Requested.
- **Tim Scott:** And we have provided proof of mailing to the Board, is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- 13 <u>Tim Scott:</u> And again, EnerVest is authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth?
- **Aaron Anderson:** We are.
- **Tim Scott:** And, EnerVest has a blanket bond on file with the department, is that right?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** We do.
- **Tim Scott:** If you're able to reach an agreement with Mr. Lamey, what would be the terms that
- you would offer him for a lease, covering this interest?
- **Aaron Anderson:** \$25.00 per acre for a five-year paid up lease, with a 1/8 royalty.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, you consider this to be fair compensation for a lease for this interest?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- 22 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate does EnerVest have under lease?
- **<u>Aaron Anderson:</u>** 95.19%.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, this does include interest in which EnerVest has a fee simple interest. Is
- 25 that right? For ownership?

- 1 Aaron Anderson: Yes.
- 2 <u>Tim Scott:</u> What percentage of the gas estate are you seeking to pool today?
- **Aaron Anderson:** 4.81%.
- **Tim Scott:** And, do we have an escrow requirement for this unit?
- **Aaron Anderson:** No sir.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you asking the Board to pool the unleased party listed on Exhibit B3?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** And that EnerVest be named as the operator of this unit. Is that right?
- **Aaron Anderson:** That's correct.
- **Tim Scott:** If the Board grants our application today and elections are sent out to the party
- respondent listed on Exhibit B3, what would be the address for making any elections?
- **Aaron Anderson:** EnerVest Operating, LLC. 408 W. Main St., Abingdon, VA 24210.
- 13 Attention, Chuck Akers, Land Manager.
- **Tim Scott:** Would that be the address for any correspondence regarding this order?
- **Aaron Anderson:** Yes sir.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Anderson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] You may continue, Mr. Scott.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One more time, Mr. Janson, your name, by whom you're
- 19 employed, and your job description.
- **Gus Janson:** My name is Gus Janson. I'm employed by EnerVest Operating, LLC as the
- 21 Geology Advisor.
- **Tim Scott:** And your familiar with this application. Is that right?
- **Gus Janson:** I am.
- **Tim Scott:** And you also participated in the preparation of this application. Is that also correct?
- **Gus Janson:** I did.
- **Tim Scott:** Are you familiar with total depth of the proposed well?

- **Gus Janson:** Yes. The proposed depth of the well is 2,536 feet.
- **Tim Scott:** And what are the estimated reserves for this unit?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated reserves are 675 million cubic feet of gas.
- **<u>Tim Scott:</u>** Are you also familiar with the well cost for this proposed well?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes.
- **Tim Scott:** What's the estimated dry hole cost?
- **Gus Janson:** The estimated dry hole cost is \$145,100.00
- **Tim Scott:** And the completed well cost?
- **Gus Janson:** \$358,550.00.
- **Tim Scott:** And again, you did sign the AFE. Is that right?
- 11 Gus Janson: I did.
- **Tim Scott:** So, in your opinion, if the Board grants our application today, would it promote
- conservation, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights?
- **Gus Janson:** Yes, it would.
- **Tim Scott:** That's all I have for Mr. Janson.
- **Butch Lambert:** Any questions from the Board? [No response] Anything further, Mr. Scott?
- **Tim Scott:** That's all, Mr. Chairman.
- **Butch Lambert:** Do I have a motion?
- **Donnie Rife:** Motion made for approval, Mr. Chair.
- 20 Mary Quillen: Second.
- **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? [No response] All in
- 22 favor, signify by saying yes.
- **Board:** Yes.
- 24 <u>Butch Lambert:</u> Opposed, no? [No response] Thank you, Mr. Scott, that one is approved.
- **Tim Scott:** Thank you.

1 **Butch Lambert:** Thank you, gentlemen.

2 <u>Item Number 14</u>

- 3 **Butch Lambert:** At this time the Board will receive an update of Board and Division activities
- 4 from the staff. Mr. Cooper.
- 5 **Rick Cooper:** I guess I wanted to update the Board on us trying to resolve the
- 6 unknown/unlocatable issues. That's a pretty complicated detailed accounting and we're
- 7 continuing to do that, and we're meeting with CNX this afternoon in regard to that, but we're
- 8 continuing to do that. We still think that unknown/unlocatable are between \$3 and \$3.5 million.
- 9 We're just trying to balance that account out so that in the future we won't ever have that
- problem again. We're making a lot of success on that and hopefully, at our next Board meeting
- we can report that out to you, is what we intend to do. And, since the coal dismissal bill was
- approved, as you can see, we've disbursed a little over \$19 million, which is pretty good. These
- are pretty complicated issues an so, of the little over \$10 million left, we think about \$7.3 million
- of that can be disbursed, and the other \$3-3.5 million is probably unknown/unlocatable and
- litigation, that type of thing, but we'll report a more accurate detail of that in the future.
- 16 **Butch Lambert:** Rick, would that also include what we heard today; checks not cashed, that was
- 17 \$45,000?
- 18 **Rick Cooper:** As the total balance left? It's over \$10 million, about \$10.6 or \$10.8 million that
- remains in the account, and that does account for those W-9 people. No W-9 people.
- 20 **Butch Lambert:** That does account for those?
- 21 **Rick Cooper:** The total value in there, yes, it does. And so, again, we think, don't know the rate,
- but we think about \$7 more million can come out through the disbursements and a little over \$3
- 23 million, between \$3-\$3.5 million is the unknown/unlocatable, and we hope to report a really
- 24 accurate number on that.
- 25 **Donnie Rife:** Are we still working with our legislative group to possibly, if we got funding, that
- can't be disbursed, to be distributed back to the localities in which the gas was drilled, instead of
- 27 giving it to the Commonwealth?
- 28 **Rick Cooper:** Are you there, Mr. Kugelman, Butch?
- 29 **<u>Butch Lambert:</u>** As a state agency, we prohibited from taking on those kinds of activities?
- **Donnie Rife:** That's left up to the local government?
- 31 **Butch Lambert:** Yes sir.

- 1 <u>Paul Kugelman, Jr.:</u> I am here Rick. Are there any concerns?
- 2 **Rick Cooper:** No, Mr. Rife had just asked, how to disburse the unknown/unlocatable, and Butch
- 3 said that that's local, elective officials are taking care of that, not the VGOB.
- 4 **Paul Kugelman, Jr.:** Okay.
- 5 **Rick Cooper:** And the only other thing I want to report on, we're continuing to tie the permitting
- 6 to the Board issues. Historically, you know, they don't really talk to each other and it's been very
- 7 difficult over the years, if you look at these accounts. So, if a permit expires, you had to
- 8 manually go in and expire the Board Order, and we're tying those together, so that if the permit
- 9 expires, it will send 30 days in advance to the operator and all the people involved, that this
- permit is going to expire and the Board Order associated with that will expire. We think it will be
- a more efficient process once we get it implemented and we hope to have that in the next 30-60
- 12 days.
- 13 **Butch Lambert:** So, Rick, the bank reported out that we have just over \$131,000, almost
- \$132,000 that checks not cashed, plus \$45,000 of no W-9's, so that's part of your total
- 15 calculations.
- Rick Cooper: Yes, and just to let you know, she reports, which is a record year, \$8.2 million
- disbursed out in the calendar year, and that is a record year, and you can see the remaining
- balance. We probably will never break that in a annual year, and so I report here on a fiscal year,
- from July 1st until June 30th. That's the reason our numbers don't exactly match up. That's all I
- 20 have, sir.
- 21 **Butch Lambert:** Good job. Any questions for Rick?
- 22 Mary Quillen: This is impressive.
- 23 **Donnie Rife:** Yes. I feel like we're getting something done.
- 24 Mary Quillen: When we first started working on this, it seemed like it was so over-whelming
- 25 that we would never see this point.
- 26 **Rick Cooper:** You know, we sometimes still feel that way. Some of these are pretty
- complicated. I think we've gotten some that's gotten 500 people in one account.
- 28 Mary Quillen: Your whole office has done an outstanding job.
- 29 **Rick Cooper:** I give the office the credit for this. They've done really well to break this down
- and make a complicated process, there's a lot of people involved in this. It's worked out really
- 31 well. It's been a great program, it's just been very difficult to get it going and keep it moving, but

- 1 I give credit to the operators too. They've been very cooperative on this, so, it's worked out a lot
- 2 better than what a lot of people would have thought.
- 3 Mary Quillen: Well, it's been team work, really. I mean, anything you do, if you don't have the
- 4 whole team involved, it's much more difficult to be successful, and I think everybody has.
- 5 Rick Cooper: I agree. Everybody has gotten their second and third, probably on their fourth
- 6 wind trying to get these processed, but we'll continue to do that.
- 7 **Donnie Rife:** Well, I've got to give this Board a little credit for a little bit of push too, because
- 8 teamwork don't just come by itself. Somebody's got to have some direction and guide, and it's
- 9 been a good Board to work with.
- 10 **Rick Cooper:** I agree. It has been, and hope to continue that in the next few years as we get this
- down to as low as we can get it. One day, I don't know what day, one day we may get it down to
- zero, but I think it's two or three years off.
- 13 **Butch Lambert:** Thank you, Rick. I appreciate it.
- 14 <u>Item Number 15</u>
- 15 **Butch Lambert:** The Board will review the minutes of our December meeting for approval. Do
- we have any adjustments to those? If not, I'll ask for a motion to approve.
- 17 **Donnie Ratliff:** Motion to approve the minutes of December, as presented, Mr. Chair.
- 18 Mary Quillen: Second.
- 19 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. All in favor, signify by saying yes.
- 20 **Board:** Yes.
- 21 **Butch Lambert:** Opposed no? [No response] Do I have a motion to adjourn?
- 22 Mary Quillen: Motion to adjourn.
- 23 **Donnie Rife:** I'll second that.
- 24 **Butch Lambert:** I have a motion and I have a second. All in favor, signify by saying yes.
- 25 **Board:** Yes. Thank you, folks.